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By HELEN M. HETH, *Detroit, Michigan*

"Can Representative Government Do the Job?", by Thomas K. Finletter. Publisher—Reynal & Hitchcock, \$2.00.

Mr. Finletter has spent three years as a member of the law faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and another three years as a special assistant to the Secretary of State. He has been permitted an intimate insight into the controversies between Congress and the President and is one of the individuals who has the courage to question the perfection of our legislative type of government. The current fashion is to belittle the importance of Congress. In this study Mr. Finletter reminds the reader that Congress today speaks for more than local interests, and it is the only real bulwark against the ambitions and irresponsibility of an administrative bureaucracy. The author questions the need for a basic change in our legislative system after the war has been concluded.

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"The Future of Europe," by Johannes Steel. Publisher—Henry Holt and Company, Inc., \$3.00.

Whenever the future of Europe is discussed, its history is constantly cited as an example of what may be expected to occur on that continent. This book is primarily a concise description of the politics and intrigues of the chief points of unrest in Europe: in particular, Poland, the Balkans, the Baltic States, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Germany and France. Mr. Steel believes that a strong France is necessary to insure the peace of Europe. He also gives marked attention to the need to forego assistance from the churches in that the Lutheran and Catholic churches have given favor to Nazism and Fascism. Emphasis is placed on the need to separate religion and politics.

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"Japanese Militarism; Its Cause and Cure," by John M. Maki. Publisher—Alfred A. Knopf, \$3.00.

It is seldom that a capable person reviews the actions of the Japanese. Mr. Maki is an American of Japanese descent who presents in this volume an interpretation of the Japanese

military machine. The strength of Japan is shown and emphasis is placed on the need for the western powers to assist the Japanese people to establish an absolutely new way of life after the military machine has been thoroughly crushed. This is an excellent book with which to begin a study of Japanese American problems. The style is clear and direct and the information is presented in the briefest manner possible.

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"What to Do With Japan," by Wilfred Fleisher. Publisher—Doubleday, Doran and Co., \$2.00.

The author was the publisher and editor of *"The Japan Advertiser,"* a Tokyo daily newspaper, from 1908 until October 15, 1940. At various times he has been a correspondent in Japan and the Far East for leading newspapers and news agencies. Out of the knowledge he gained in such occupations, Mr. Fleisher describes the Japanese Empire and gives a practical suggestion of the treatment that Japan should be accorded after the war has ended. The appendix is a valuable reference to the major statements on the insurance of a lasting world peace and the treatment of conquered nations. It contains copies of The Atlantic Charter, The Cairo Declaration, and concludes with the full text of the World Security Organization drafted at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

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"Home to India," by Santha Rama Rau. Publisher—Harper & Brothers, \$2.50.

A daughter of a Bombay Brahmin family, educated in England and the continent, gives an account of her impressions on her return to her native land after an absence of ten years. It is an entertaining, as well as an informative, account of the part of India with which she came in contact. It is a sympathetic picture of a country in need of national unity, without being a ponderous study of an extensive subject. This book is recommended as an effortless way to gain a nodding acquaintance with a nation on which most information has been in the form of scholarly and lengthy volumes.